countries to enable them to buy goods form India; and

(d) what are the new schemes introduced by Government during the current year to enable Indian companies to sell goods to the African countries on credit?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE (a) and (b) During 1983-84, Government of India has extended credit to Government of Mauritius for an amount of Rs. 5 crores. The credit carries interest rate of 5 per cent p.a. No contract under the Government credit extended to Mauritius in 1983-84 has been approved so far. During 1984-85, no credit has so far been extended to any African country.

Exim Bank has sanctioned credits aggregating Rs. 43.28 crores in 1983 and Rs. 16.33 crores in the first six months of 1984 under its schemes of assistance for exports of Indian Capital goods, equipment and related services, on deferred terms to African countries. The credits carry interest ranging between 9 per cent and 9.5 per cent p.a.

In terms of SECTION 30 (1) of the Exim Bank Act, the Bank cannot divulge information relating to, or to the affairs of, its Constituents.

(c) and (d) Credit support for Indian exports is and will continue to be provided mainly from the Export Import Bank of India and other commercial Banks and adequate commercial credit would be available for increasing Indian exports to the African countries.

Raid on the premises of M/s. I.T.C. Ltd., in Calcutta

1517. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the premises of M/s. I.T.C. Limited in Calcutta were recently raided by the Central Excise authorities to detect excise evasion, and if so, what are the details of the seizures as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): No, Sir. No raid has been conducted recently in the premises of M/s. I.T.C. in Calcutta by the Central Excise authorities.

Recovery of excise duty from M/s. ITC Limited

1518. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since realised the remaining amount of rupees 90 crores towards excise duty from M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. as per the Supreme Court order; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to take penal action against M/s I.T.C. Ltd. for deliberate attempts to delay the payment of excise duty?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. has since then deposited another rupees 10 crores on *ad hoc* basis.

(b) The outstanding amount is mostly in dispute in Courts. As such, question of any penal action against M/s I.T.C. Ltd., for non-payment of excise duty does not arise.

Loan distributed by the Deputy Minister of Finance in Madras

1519. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Deputy Minister of Finance presided over functions held in Madras on the 25th and 26th June, 1984 where about Rs. 2.50 crores of loan amount was distributed;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the number of persons who were given loans and the maximum amount given to each individual;

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) to (c) The public sector banks operating in Madras has organised two public functions on June 25 and 26, 1984 to mark extension of credit support to the extent of Rs. 228.42 lakhs to 25,106 beneficiaries. At the functions only a token disbursement was made, other loans being disbursed by the banks in the course of their normal operations. The quantum of loans depended on the nature and scale of activity proposed. Broadly the loans ranged between Rs. 200 to Rs. 5000.

Export of Wheat

1520. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to export wheat; and

(b) if so, what are details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

बम्बई की बन्द कपड़ा मिलों के मजदूरों को रोजगार

1521. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बम्बई में मजदूरों के आन्दोलन के कारण बन्द की गई ऐसी कपड़ा मिलों के बारे में सरकार की नीति क्या है, जिनका सरकार द्वारा अधिग्रहण नहीं किया गया था;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इन मिलों के बेरोजगार हुये मजदूरों को रोजगार प्रदान करने की कोई वैकल्पिक योजना तैयार की है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय तथा पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री नीहार रंजन लस्कर): (क) 30 जून, 1984 की स्थिति के अनुसार, बम्बई में तीन सूती कपड़ा मिलें बन्द पड़ी थी, जिनके प्रबंध का अधिग्रहण सरकार द्वारा नहीं किया गया। सरकार का इन मिलों का प्रबंध अधिग्रहण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) तथा (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Prosecution of a Manager of Punjab and Sind Bank, Delhi

1522. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of C.B.I. investigation a Manager of the Punjab and Sind Bank, Delhi was prosecuted for allegedly cheating the bank to the tune of Rs. 2,15,000;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that some officers of the Punjab and Sind Bank, Delhi have accumulated wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income; and

(d) if so, whether investigations have been made into these allegations?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is reported to have launched prosecution against an officer of the Punjab and Sind Bank under sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 477-A of the IPC.

(c) and (d) Punjab and Sind Bank is reported to have received some complaints alleging, *inter alia*, accumulation of wealth by some officers of the Bank, disproportionate to their known sources of income. The CBI is reported to have registered one case against an officer of the Bank under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947.

Indian's stand in Washington regarding GATT talks

1523. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a two day Conference called by the United State